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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

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Chairman, DCID 1/2 Committee

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SUBJECT: Annual Review of DCID 1/2 Priorities

1. DCID 1/2 requires that a comprehensive review of priority assignments be conducted at least once each year. The approach adopted for this purpose is to identify and propose for priority revision those country topics whose relative importance to U.S. Government interests has declined. This permits us to compensate for the general tendency of priorities to rise because intelligence users, when initiating priority changes throughout the year, tend to focus on requirements which deserve greater effort and priority. Our review method is to subdivide the priorities register by subject and geographic region, assigning each to Community elements with the relevant mission, expertise, and requirements. One of these elements is designated as the primary reviewer for each subject or geographic region. That element's priority revision nominations, as modified by coordination with other participating organizations, will constitute the principal input to the overall Community review to be held in August. []

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2. Please take review responsibility for subjects or geographic regions as indicated on the attached list and mark your proposed downward revisions on the Attachment A matrix sheets. The Attachment B matrix sheets identify a number of priority assignments that, I believe, should be reassessed. The selections can certainly be expanded, but they can serve as a starting point for your evaluation. Also included this year, as Attachment C, is a list of benchmark priorities consisting of five or six representative country topics from each priority level. These are standards to which other priority assignments at the same level should be compared. Reference to these standards will facilitate consistent priority level assignments across requirements categories and geographic regions. []

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3. There will be a meeting of the DCID 1/2 Committee at the [] Room 1S06, at 1400 on 16 July to accept and exchange proposed revisions and to schedule Community reviews of proposed revisions by category, subcategory, and geographic area. These reviews are tentatively scheduled for the period 5-9 August. Priority revision proposals agreed to at these meetings will be sent to the DDCI for his approval. []

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4. Please provide copies of your proposals to the DCID 1/2 Secretariat prior to 16 July, or bring 10 copies to the meeting on that date. Primary reviewers are expected to coordinate their proposals with other Community authorities prior to 16 July. This will greatly expedite the Committee's discussion and vote on individual proposals.

Attachments:

- A. Review and Coordination Responsibilities
and Blank Matrix
- B. A Selection of Priorities for Reassessment
- C. Benchmark Priorities

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